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Applicant: Michael R. Hatch

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Title: System and Method for Monitoring Glucose to Assist in Weight Management and Fitness

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 12, 2002, said period of response being extended from May 22, 2002 to July 22, 2002.

Authorization to charge the PTO deposit account 13-2725 \$200.00 to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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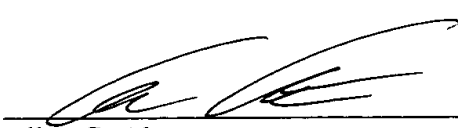
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